

CLUBBED AND KICKED.

A Car Conductor Held by One Policeman while Another Clubs Him.

Six weeks ago Lars Madison, a quiet, middle-aged man, was engaged as conductor on the Belt railroad. He signed a printed form of questions in regard to his age, habits, and former employment. One of the questions was whether he was ever employed on any other railroad. He answered this negatively. At noon yesterday he was called into the company's office, at Tenth avenue and Fifty-fourth street, where Superintendent William H. A. Harris told him he had learned that he had been employed on five other railroads. Madison admitted it, but said that he had not intended to deceive any one about the matter. Mr. Harris said he intended to have him arrested under a law passed in 1874, which makes it a misdemeanor to misrepresent in order to obtain a position with a railroad company when the employee is instructed with money. Policeman Powers, of the West Forty-seventh street station was called into the office and requested to take Madison into custody. Madison became frightened, and, seeing the office door open, he made a dash through it and gained the street. He ran down Tenth avenue to Forty-ninth street, and then went eastward. At the corner of Ninth avenue he was caught by a policeman. He offered no resistance.

The policeman held him, running up holding his club in his hand. He at once sprang at Madison, struck him several violent blows on the head, and kicked him. The blow was so severe, and the fall so sudden, that he was soon unconscious. He was carried to the station, where he was found to be suffering from a fracture of the skull. His head was bandaged, and he was sent to the hospital. He had been trying to put out the fire, as he had been told to do, and the smoke of the smoke he will be closed for at least a month, so that repairs can be made and a new stock purchased. The station was very crowded, and the smoke, he fell, and some of his comrades carried him to the open air. He was removed to the City Hospital, in which he remained until the morning, when he was sent to the hospital.

In the afternoon Madison was arraigned before Justice Patterson in the Yorkville Police Court. He had washed the blood from his face, and his hair was disheveled, and he had suffered, Mrs. Mary Blunt of 469 West Forty-eighth street and Mrs. Vandemark, who is in this city on a visit to Mrs. Blunt, had seen him. His wife, Mrs. Anna Powers, had come to the station house, and had voluntarily appeared in court. She said that she saw Madison running, and saw the policeman who had caught him.

He became silent, and one of his companions, "and made no struggle. The man pointing at Policeman Powers" climbed him, while another pointed his gun, and a third uttered a shout of triumph. He also kicked him forward."

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